Agreement between Government and CARE

795. SHRI PRAVAT KUMAR SAMANTARAY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the prevailing agreement of Government of India made with Cooperative for American Relief Every-where (CARE), alongwith list of provisions;

(b) whether this agreement intended to undermine the sovereignty of our country; and

(c) if so, what are the proposals of Government to modify or rescind the agreement?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WELFARE (SHRI RAMJILAL SUMAN): (a) The prevailing agreement between Government of India and CARE is the Indo-CARE agreement between the President of India and CARE dated 6th March, 1950. The list of Provision gives the details of the provisions regarding food assistance to nutrition programmes run by Government of India. The primary purpose of the CARE agreement is to facilitate provision of resources through CARE to the Government of India and the State Governments in furtherance of development activities of the government such as the ICDS Programme and Mid-day Meals Programme.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

New Technology developed in Australia for Making Paper

796. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the new technology developed in Australia for utilising the long fibres to make pulp for paper industry; and

(b) whether Government propose to take steps to make use of Jute for producing high quality papers with the Australian technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government encourage the use of agri-residues, including jute, for paper making by allowing such units using 75 per cent or more of jute fibres in the pulp furnish the facility of exemption from excise duty. Choice of technology is left to the entrepreneurs and is dependent upon various factors including techno-economic feasibility, commercial viability etc.

Selling of Uranium to Foreigners in Delhi

797. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a gang was apprehended in Delhi which was involved in selling a large quantity of uranium to foreign customers; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Following information that a group of persons was looking for a foreign buyer of uranium, the police, with the help of a decoy customer, seized 800 gms. of uranium from the possession of five persons. These persons were arrested and a case u/s 24 Atomic Energy Act and 411/34 IPC and 103 Delhi Police Act registered at Police Station Hauz Khas in New Delhi.

Video News Magazine on Illegal Arms Manufacturing

798. SHRI S. MADHAVAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item that appeared in 'The Times of India' dated 12-121990 relating to the video news magazine of Observer News channel taking pictures of the illegal arms manufacturing workshops in Varanasi, Allahabad, Aligarh and Kanpur; and

(b) whether the Government have made any inquiry into these illegal activities and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to the information furnished by the State Government of Uttar Pradesh, the number of illegal arms manufacturing units unearthed in Varanasi, Allahabad, Aligarh and Kanpur during December, 1990 is as under:—

Varanasi	Nil
Allahabad	6
Aligarh	Nil
Kanpur	2

Action for unearthing illegal arms manufacturing units and launching of prosecution against the offenders is taken by State Governments/Union Territory Administrations to whom necessary powers of the Central Government under the Arms Act, 1959 and the Arms Rules, 1962 framed thereunder have been delegated.

Meeting between Representatives of Cement Industry and Government

799. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the representatives from the Cement Industry has recently been summoned by the Industry Ministry to discuss the cement prices in the country;

(b) if so, whether all the representatives attended the meeting; and

(c) what were the subjects discussed and decisions arrived at in the above said meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI KAMAL MORARKA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Major cement manufacturers attended the meeting.

(c) The present price situation together with connected issues was discussed. The cement manufacturers were urged to bring down the prices of cement to a reasonable level.

Demand for CRPF by States/UTs to check Extremist Activities

800. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of States have asked for more CRPF for checking extremist activities;

(b) what is the total number of states and Union territories where army was deployed to maintain law and order for the last three months; and

(c) what is the total number of security men killed during clashes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Government have received request from some States for CRPF to assist them in law and order duties.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Census 1991

801. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the work on 1991 Census of India has started;

(b) if so, what is the total number of officials deployed for the census operation;

(c) by what time the census operation is likely to complete its work; and

(d) whether any directives have been issued to the officials in this regard?